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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NEETA THAKUR, KEN ALEX, NELL
 GREEN NYLEN, ROBERT HIRST,
 CHRISTINE PHILLIOU, and JEDDA
 FOREMAN, on behalf of themselves and all
 others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as
 President of the United States;
 DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT
 EFFICIENCY (“DOGE”);
 AMY GLEASON, in her official capacity as
 Acting Administrator of the Department of
 Government Efficiency;
 NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION;

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Case No. 3:25-cv-04737-RL

DECLARATION OF RENA DORPH

The Honorable Rita F. Lin

1 BRIAN STONE, in his official capacity as
2 Acting Director of the National Science
Foundation;
3 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
HUMANITIES;
4 MICHAEL MCDONALD, in his official
capacity as Acting Chairman of the National
5 Endowment for the Humanities;
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
6 PROTECTION AGENCY;
LEE ZELDIN, in his official capacity as
7 Administrator of the U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency;
8 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE;
9 BROOKE ROLLINS, in her official capacity as
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture;
10 AMERICORPS (a.k.a. the CORPORATION
FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY
11 SERVICE);
JENNIFER BASTRESS TAHMASEBI, in her
12 official capacity as Interim Agency Head of
AmeriCorps;
13 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE;
14 PETE HEGSETH, in his official capacity as
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Defense;
15 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION;
16 LINDA MCMAHON, in her official capacity as
Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education;
17 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY;
18 CHRIS WRIGHT, in his official capacity as
Secretary of Energy;
19 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES;
20 ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., in his official
capacity as Secretary of the U.S. Department of
21 Health and Human Services;
UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR DISEASE
22 CONTROL;
MATTHEW BUZZELLI, in his official capacity
23 as Acting Director of the Centers for Disease
Control;
24 UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG
ADMINISTRATION;
25 MARTIN A. MAKARY, in his official capacity
as Commissioner of the Food and Drug
26 Administration;
UNITED STATES NATIONAL INSTITUTES
27 OF HEALTH;
JAYANTA BHATTACHARYA, in his official
28 capacity as Director of the National Institutes of

1 Health;
2 INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY
3 SERVICES;
4 KEITH SONDERLING, in his official capacity
5 as Acting Director of the Institute of Museum
6 and Library Services;
7 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE
8 INTERIOR;
9 DOUG BURGUM, in his official capacity as
10 Secretary of the Interior;
11 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE;
12 MARCO RUBIO, in his official capacity as
13 Secretary of the U.S. Department of State;
14 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;
15 SEAN DUFFY, in his official capacity as
16 Secretary for the U.S. Department of
17 Transportation,
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19 Defendants.
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DECLARATION OF RENA DORPH

I, Rena Dorph, declare as follows:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this declaration and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently to them.

2. I am the Director of The Lawrence Hall of Science at University of California, Berkeley (UCB). I have worked there since 2003, when I joined as Director of its Research Group.

3. I have worked in the field of education, with a focus on research and evaluation, for over 25 years. Prior to joining The Lawrence Hall of Science, I served as Director for Research, Policy, and Technology in the Teacher Education and Professional Development Unit of the University of California Office of the President; as an educational consultant for California schools, districts, and county offices of education; as the Lead Researcher for the School Restructuring Study at UC Berkeley; and worked for the National Center for Restructuring Education, Schools, and Teaching at Columbia University/Teachers College in New York City.

4. I also serve on many governing and advisory boards, including the Board of Directors of the Association for Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) and WestEd. I additionally serve as the Principal Investigator for multiple STEM learning R&D projects.

5. I received a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, Davis. I received my M.A. in the Sociology of Education from Teachers College at Columbia University. I received my Ph.D. in Educational Policy, Organization, Measurement, and Evaluation from University of California, Berkeley's Graduate School of Education.

6. My job as Director of The Lawrence Hall of Science includes overseeing more than 30 staff members with academic appointments. Many of these research and STEM learning experts rely heavily on federal grant funding to conduct their research; to deliver on-site educational activities for museum visitors; to create and deliver professional learning opportunities for educators and educational leaders; and to provide off-site STEM education to local youth, among other activities. Our staff researchers and learning designers also benefit the

1 public nationally by developing K-12 science curriculum for states and districts to adopt and for
2 districts, schools, and teachers to implement. We estimate that these science curricular materials
3 are used by over 7 million students in K-12 classrooms across the United States.

4 7. The abrupt and unexpected termination of numerous grants to The Lawrence Hall
5 of Science that were previously awarded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the
6 Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has already had a significant negative effect
7 on our operations as we scramble to locate alternative funding sources, if available. In the wake
8 of this precipitous loss of expected and relied-upon funding, many of our staff fear for their jobs.
9 These grant terminations pose a serious ongoing threat to the viability of much of the institution's
10 work, and to our ability to retain our specialized, highly educated and skilled research staff.

11 8. To communicate the severity of the impact of the sudden federal grant
12 terminations on The Lawrence Hall of Science that has arisen since President Trump's
13 inauguration, in April 2025 I prepared for our campus leadership a memorandum titled "Impact
14 and Implications of Federal Grant Terminations (to-date)." A true and correct copy of that
15 memorandum, which cumulates harms to The Lawrence Hall of Science as of late April, is
16 attached as Exhibit A.

17 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the United
18 States that the foregoing is true and correct.

19 Executed this 4 day of June, 2025.

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21 Signed by:

22 *Rena Dorph*

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